

Bureau of the Budget Draft
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING A SEAL FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, approved June 20, 1949, (Public Law 110 - 31st Congress), provides, in part, that the Director of Central Intelligence shall cause a seal of office to be made for the Central Intelligence Agency of such design as the President shall approve; and

WHEREAS the Director of Central Intelligence has caused to be made and has recommended that I approve a seal of office for the Central Intelligence Agency the design of which accompanies and is hereby made a part of this order, and which is described in heraldic terms as follows:

SHIELD: Argent, a compass rose of sixteen points gules

CREST: On a wreath argent and gules an American bald eagle's head erased proper

Below the shield on a gold color scroll the inscription "United States of America" in red letters, and encircling the shield and crest at the top the inscription "Central Intelligence Agency" in white letters

All on a circular blue background with a narrow gold edge;

AND WHEREAS such seal is interpreted as follows:

The American eagle is the national symbol and denotes strength and alertness, and the compass rose and its radiating

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spokes depict the evaluation at a central point of intelligence
from all areas;

AND WHEREAS it appears that such seal is of suitable design
and is appropriate for establishment as the official seal of the
Central Intelligence Agency:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of and pursuant to the authority
vested in me by the said section 2 of the Central Intelligence
Agency Act of 1949, I hereby approve such seal as the official
seal of the Central Intelligence Agency.

THE WHITE HOUSE

February , 1950